

## CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate for public office in the State of Illinois has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested by fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

### THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct my campaign openly and publicly, and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to his record.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts, nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opposition.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provisions of this Code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of Illinois or chairman of a political committee in support of or opposition to a question of public policy, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Sought

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Election

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Political Committee

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**ARTICLE 29B FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ACT**

10 ILCS 5/29B-5. Purpose. The Legislature hereby declares that the purpose of this Article is to encourage every candidate for public office in this State to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It is the intent of the Legislature that every candidate for public office in this State who subscribes to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play in order to encourage healthy competition and open discussion of issues and candidate qualifications and discourage practices that cloud issues or unfairly attack opponent. (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

10 ILCS 5/29B-10. Code of Fair Campaign Practices. At the time a political committee, as defined in Article 9, files its statement of organization, the State Board of Elections, in the case of a state political committee or a political committee acting as both a state political committee and a local political committee, or the county clerk, in the case of a local political committee, shall give the political committee a blank form of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices and a copy of the provisions of this Article. The State Board of Elections or county clerk shall inform each political committee that subscription to the Code is voluntary. The test of the code shall read:

## LOYALTY OATH (OPTIONAL)

United States of America  
State of Illinois

} SS

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and the State of Illinois, that I am not affiliated directly or indirectly with any communist organization or any communist front organization, or any foreign political agency, party, organization or government which advocates the overthrow of constitutional government by force or other means not permitted under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of this State; that I do not directly or indirectly teach or advocate the overthrow of the government of the United States or of this State or any unlawful change in the form of the governments thereof by force or any unlawful means.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me,  
(NAME OF CANDIDATE)

on \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(MONTH - DAY - YEAR)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NOTARY PUBLIC)

(SEAL)

**PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN  
PRIMARY PETITION**

We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Party and  
qualified primary electors of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party, in \_\_\_\_\_

(insert precinct name)  
in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Illinois, do hereby petition that  
\_\_\_\_\_ who resides at \_\_\_\_\_

in the City, Village, Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_  
(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_ and State of Illinois, shall be a candidate of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Party for election to the office of **PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN**, for  
\_\_\_\_\_, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_

(insert precinct name)

(insert month, day, year)

NAME (SIGNATURE)	STREET ADDRESS OR RR NUMBER	CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE	COUNTY
1			IL
2			IL
3			IL
4			IL
5			IL
6			IL
7			IL
8			IL
9			IL
10			IL
11			IL
12			IL
13			IL
14			IL
15			IL
16			IL
17			IL
18			IL
19			IL
20			IL

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, in the City/Village/Unincorporated Area (circle one) of \_\_\_\_\_

(if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service)  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ that I am 18 years of age or older, that  
I am a citizen of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet were signed in my presence, not more than 90  
days preceding the last day for filing of the petitions and are genuine and that to the best of my knowledge and belief  
the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party  
in the political division in which the candidate is seeking elective office, and that their respective residences are correctly  
stated as above set forth.

(Signature of Person Making this Affidavit)

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me, on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Circulator) (insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

(Notary Public)



## STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

NAME	ADDRESS-ZIP CODE	OFFICE	DISTRICT	PARTY

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
 )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn (or affirmed), say that I reside at \_\_\_\_\_ Street, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ City or Village or unincorporated area (if unincorporated, list municipality that provides postal service) Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a qualified Primary voter of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; that I am a candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Nomination or Election District, to be voted upon at the primary election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, and that I am legally (insert month, day, year) qualified (including being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the close of the petition filing period) a Statement of Economic Interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official \_\_\_\_\_ Primary ballot for \_\_\_\_\_ for such office. Name of Party Nomination or Election

Signature of Candidate

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) by \_\_\_\_\_ before me,  
(Name of Candidate)

on \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert month, day, year)

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC